GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4702
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REFERRING MATERNITY PATIENTS TO CGHS RECOGNISED PRIVATE HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure prescribed under the CGHS for referring a maternity patient to the Private Hospitals recognized/empanelled by CGHS;

(b) whether there is any policy in existence in the CGHS not to refer an expectant mother and CGHS beneficiary to a CGHS recognised private hospital of her choice;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any complaints have been received by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government has assessed the performance of the doctors of CGHS dispensaries in view of the problems being faced by the maternity patients while undergoing treatment at the CGHS dispensaries;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and (g) the action taken against the negligence of doctors in the CGHS dispensaries attending to the expectant mothers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): On the basis of diagnosis/confirmation of pregnancy by the Government/CGHS doctors including the medical officer working at the dispensary level, the beneficiary can obtain permission from his/her Department/Ministry for confinement in private hospitals recognized under CGHS as per the choice of the beneficiary.

(b) No, Sir.

(c)&(d): In view of (b) above, questions do not arise.

(e)to(g): Review and assessment of performance of staff at dispensaries is a continuous process and periodically inspections by Senior officers and meetings are held. Meetings of dispensary level Advisory Committees are being held regularly for this purpose.